



Phonics in EYFS

Phonics is the recommended method for teaching children to read and write by linking sounds (phonemes) and the symbols that represent them (graphemes, or letter groups). At Barlby we follow the Government Letters & Sounds guidelines alongside Read Write Inc sound stories.

The Letters & Sounds document follows a series of Phonics phases. Nursery children begin with Phase 1 – this includes lots of learning about listening and sound discrimination. In Reception, Phases 2, 3 and 4 are covered. The Letters and Sounds document can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/letters-and-sounds>

Phonics is taught in EYFS through carpet sessions, guided reading groups, our continuous provision, story time and outdoor learning. In Nursery there are four carpet sessions a week and in Reception there are five carpet sessions a week.

Useful games to be played at home can be accessed at:

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

<https://www.phonicsbloom.com/>

http://www.familylearning.org.uk/phonics_games.html

To support your child with Phonics at home you could focus on:

Recognising and learning rhymes and repetitions (including learning and singing nursery rhymes together)

Recognising and creating alliteration phrases

Listening to and discussing a range of environmental and instrumental sounds

Learning the actions / stories and pronunciation of letters together

Singing the alphabet song

Read to your child every day and listen to their reading when they are ready

Support your child with any Phonics Home Learning they may receive